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Applicant : PRIEST, Craig et al.  
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Examiner : Kamini S. Shah  
  
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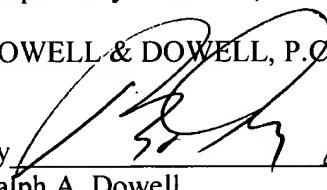
**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION MAILED MAY 3, 2006**

Sir:

In response to the communication mailed May 3, 2006, a revised response to the outstanding Office Action is enclosed. The revised response clearly states that the cited prior art does not disclose or suggest calculating costs of service for each paying user based on the time that the paying users used the service. It is believed that this response is fully responsive. In view of the foregoing, favourable reconsideration and allowance of the application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 26, 2005**  
**(REVISED)**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2005 in the above-noted application please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.